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SOUTHERN STAR

10 Fever Clinics in Mysuru to screen COVID-19 suspect cases

Mysuru, Apr. 17- In its attempt to curtail the spread of COVID-19, the Mysuru District Administration and Health and Family Welfare Department have set up 10 fever clinics in Mysuru and one in Nanjangud.

The clinics have been established based on the directive from the State Government and till now, only Bengaluru had this facility. In a Facebook live address, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that the clinics are meant to screen people with symptoms of COVID-19.

Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs) will function as fever clinics where there will be a designated doctor and staff wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Anyone with symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat or breathlessness should first approach the nearest fever clinic, where the COVID-19 Rapid Response Team will examine the patients and triage them into suspected group and safe group.

In Mysuru, the clinics have been set up at Bannimantap, Chamundipuram, Eranagere, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru Makkala Koota, Nachanahalli Palya (N H Palya), Rajendranagar, Shanthinagar, Subramanyapura and T.K. Layout. One clinic has been established at Nanjangud town.

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Source of virus at Jubilant Generics still a mystery

- Nanjangud MLA Harshavardhan says high-level pressure to reopen Pharma Co.
- PIL filed in Karnataka High Court on grounds of negligence

Mysuru, Apr. 17- While the authorities of Mysuru District Administration are grappling to discover the origin of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) at Nanjangud's Jubilant Generics, the epicentre of the disease in the district, a report sent by Pune-based National Institute of Virology (NIV) said that the container imported from China by the pharma company did not carry the virus from the Dragon Nation.

This report has only deepened the mystery of the virus source and only a thorough probe can reveal the actual source.

Even Jubilant Life Sciences Limited has clarified that there were no traces of COVID-19 virus in the imported raw material sampled from Nanjangud facility of its subsidiary Jubilant Generics Limited. It further said it is unfortunate that a wrong perception was created in public and media about the raw material imported from China.

Company clarifies

Additionally, the company clarified that the first COVID-19 positive patient (P52) did not travel to China or on any overseas trip in the last six months. Further, none of the employees tested positive.

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12 more positives in city; three more cases in Mandya

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Mysuru has 12 more positive cases of COVID-19. With this, the total number of positive cases in Mysuru has gone up to 73 while there are 61 active cases.

Of the 12 cases reported today, 11 have been reported from the employees and contacts of Nanjangud-based Jubilant Generics. One person is the contact of P273. According to the health bulletin released by Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Department this morning, three more persons from Malavalli in Mandya have tested positive. Now there are 11 positive cases in Mandya. The total number of positive cases in Karnataka has gone up to 353 with 13 deaths and 82 discharges.

P-318, a 50-year-old male and a contact of P52, P-319, a 33-year-old male also a contact of P52, P-320, a 33-year-old male and a contact of P52, P-321, a 41-year-old female and a contact P273 have tested positive.

P341, a 22-year-old male, P342, a 38-year-old male, P343, a 38-year-old male, P344, a 26-year-old male, P345, a 28-year-old male, P346, a 22-year-old male, P347, a 29-year-old male, P348, a 26-year-old male all contacts of P52 from Jubilant Generics have tested positive.

In Malavalli, Mandya District, P-322, a 25-year-old male, P323, a 29-year-old male and P324, a 45-year-old male have tested positive. All are the contacts of P171. All the positive cases have been isolated at the designated COVID-19 hospitals in Mysuru and Mandya respectively.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Frontline heroes: MCC's Abhaya teams battle against Coronavirus

Mysuru, Apr.17- As Mysuru fights the spread of the Covid-19 virus, it is increasingly clear that the worst is not over yet. Once again, the prolonged period of crisis will shine the light on our capacity to resist the spread of the killer epidemic.

Apart from the elite administrative and law enforcement bureaucracy of IAS and IPS, Mysuru is uniquely positioned to deploy local level self-governing bodies to address the challenges. Like the use of Abhaya Team of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

There are three Abhaya teams working in shifts round-the-clock in city and in all, there are 54 members. The Abhaya team was constituted eight years back primarily to attend to rain damages and flood-related complaints.

They were on the job only in monsoon and the team was formed from able-bodied men from the huge team of Pourakarmikas and sanitation workers. Initially, only one group used to function as Abhaya team and now there are three Abhaya groups donning different roles under different circumstances. Now with COVID-19, the role of Abhaya teams is to help the District Administration and the Police to enforce lockdown and carry out tasks at K.R. Hospital, COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road, city markets and also public places.

As hundreds of people are in home quarantine, the Abhaya team members carry out disinfectant spraying in the areas and also help the District Administration in delivering essential supplies to quarantined homes.

They also contribute in critical task such as maintaining cleanliness in the designated COVID-19 Hospital, disposal of waste generated there and also disposing of used Personal Protective Equipment.

Hundreds of homeless and migrant labourers have been housed at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry and the Abhaya team members also take care of their food and sanitation needs. The services of Abhaya teams are utilised by the Mysuru City Corporation, District Administration and the Health Department. MCC senior Health Officer Dr. Jayanth and Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju are in-charge of Abhaya teams.

Vijay Foundation donates Aerosol Boxes to District and K.R. Hospitals

Seen are** (from left) **Ajith Pai of Vijay Foundation and Partner at Paipal Ventures LLP; B.N. Pramodh, Co-Founder, GroundUp and TiE Charter Member, Mysuru; Dr. Manjunath, Head, Department of Anaesthesiology, K.R. Hospital and Dr. Nanjundaswamy, Medical Superintendent, K.R. Hospital.

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Aerosol boxes, which are very important ICU equipment during intubation of Corona positive patients if they need to be intubated, were donated by city-based Vijay Foundation to the District Health Officials on Apr. 15.

Three Aerosol boxes each were donated to the ICU set up of K.R. Hospital and District COVID Hospital by Ajith Pai of Vijay Foundation and Partner at Paipal Ventures LLP.

The Aerosol boxes were received by Dr. Nanjundaswamy, Medical Superintendent, K.R. Hospital, in the presence of Dr. Manjunath, Head, Department of Anaesthesiology, K.R. Hospital while at the District Hospital, Dr. Rajeshwari, Head, received these boxes.

"Vijay Foundation with the motto 'Bringing Light to Life and Life to Light' is our family Trust with a focus on health and well-being. At this hour of need, it was our duty to help the District Administration by donating these important equipment that can save the lives of the medical professionals treating the Corona-infected patients," said Ajith Pai.

"We are happy that the civil society members and people like Ajith Pai are supporting the cause of fighting the Coronavirus epidemic, and are grateful for this support," said Dr. Nanjundaswamy.

Dr. Rajeshwari also expressed her gratitude to Ajith Pai and the Foundation.

These Aerosol boxes were designed by Sandesh and Samyak of 3 Zero Technology with inputs from Shreesha of Deshik Labs. They were mentored by B.N. Pramodh, Co-Founder, GroundUp and TiE Charter Member, Mysuru.

FROM LEFT: ***B.N. Pramod, Ajith Pai, Dr. Manjunath and Dr. Rajeshwari, Head of District COVID Hospital.***

VOICE OF THE READER

Sell milk at nominal price, NOT free

Sir,

It is appreciable that Governments and many philanthropists are providing food in their own ways to the needy at the time of crisis. As far as free milk distribution is concerned, it may not reach the needy and might be misused also.

Immaterial of caste or creed, all daily wage earners and those from middle class strata are finding it very difficult to fill the bellies of their own families till the normalcy is attained.

Senior citizens, other than Corona patients and small children of their families are not getting milk to drink for survival because each litre costs Rs.38 which many people cannot afford without earnings since so many days.

Instead of giving free milk, it is advisable to collect Rs.10 per litre during lockdown period either in milk booths or at free milk distribution centres, so that more needy people are benefited in turn lessening burden on the exchequer.

— Dr. M. Shyam Prasad
Mysuru
15.4.2020

KSOU's student app brings together students, faculty

Mysuru, Apr. 17- The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has launched "KSOU-Student App" to connect both the students and faculty online.

According to a circular issued from the office of Registrar Prof Lingaraja Gandhi, the app can be downloaded from Google Play store or the website of the university.

KSOU Mysuru is Karnataka's only Open University that has come forward to put an end to tonnes of paper used for printing study material and it is giving notes in the electronic form, thanks to the mobile application.

The app has pre-loaded syllabus, lessons and other information as per the choice of the course. The app is an eco-friendly initiative as it helps cut down the use of tonnes of paper for printing study materials for over 31 courses two times a year.

All the chairmen, Heads of the departments and teaching faculty have been informed to communicate the matter to the students through WhatsApp groups.

The app is useful in multiple ways:

• Online admission – students can apply online to get admission in the university.

• Online fee payment – all types of payment modes are accepted

• Notifications – get real-time notifications instantly

• Online hall ticket download

• Self-learning materials – online access

• Online assignment materials

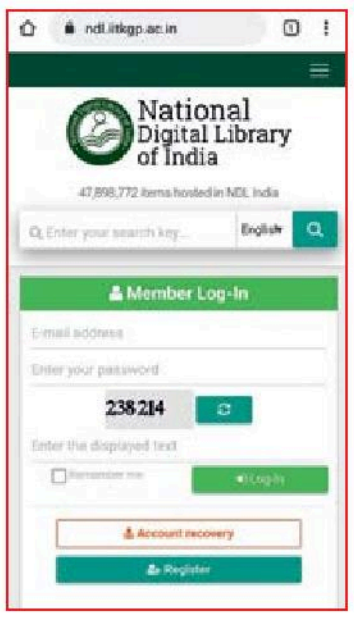
• Question bank access

• Get exam results update instantly

The KSOU is also planning to launch multipoint video classrooms to facilitate the students who can attend contact classes at places closer to their home towns instead of coming to Mysuru spending on commuting and stay.

Lockdown boredom? Freely access National Digital Library

Over three crore books available



Mysuru, Apr. 17- The Union Ministry of Human Resources is giving an opportunity for the public to utilise the lockdown period for reading.

The Ministry will give free access to the National Digital Library where over 3,82,00,000 books and periodicals will be available to read. The digital version of the books and magazines can be read using any digital device including smart phone, computer or tablet. Interested people can log on to the digital library website of the Ministry https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/

General Guideline

1. Though the resources can be accessed without being logged-in, for better experience it is advised to access NDLI after logging in. If you are already not a registered in NDLI, please register and then login.

2. School students: Please click the "School"button.

3. College Students: Please click the button relevant to your discipline

4. If you want to explore further you may browse by source using the Browse button and select the source you are Interested

5. You may also search the repository by Clicking "Search" button and putting topic of study (such as "Binomial Theorem") in the "Search" window.

It may be mentioned here, in an attempt to keep the learning among the students active during this lockdown period, the Department of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka, in association with K-Nomics Techno Solutions Private Limited, Bengaluru, has also launched digital library for students as well as for the use of general public.

The Digital Library can be accessed for free by logging on to *www.karnatakadigitalpubliclibrary.org* and registering themselves by providing mobile number or e-mail ID.

Obituary

Nayakanda Seethamma

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Nayakanda Seethamma (Cheppudira), wife of Nanaiah and a resident of Sharadadevinagar, passed away yesterday morning in city. She was 71.

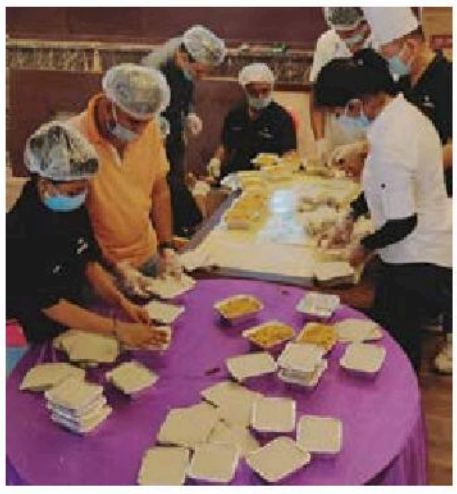
She leaves behind her husband, son Ravi Uthappa, daughter-in-law Pushpa, grand daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar yesterday afternoon, according to family sources.

Food kits distributed to photographers, videographers

Mysuru, Apr. 17- With no events happening after the nationwide lockdown came into effect, the photographers and videographers are rendered jobless. Hence, to support their living, grocery kits were distributed to photographers, videographers and their assistants in city.

At a programme organised by Mysore District Photographers and Videographers Association at Chikkammanikethana Kalyana Mantapa in city yesterday, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, who is also the Hon. President of the Association, distributed over 200 grocery kits to the lensmen in the presence of Association President Dadadahalli Mahesh and other office-bearers.

Feeding the slum-dwellers in Mysuru



Teresian Institute and CSST Associate, joined hands with Edu Synergy Force, to provide meals for hungry people in various slums in Mysuru. Apart from providing a week provision, they helped Edu Synergy Force in packing and distribution.

CFTRI and I-T Department provide nutri-rich food to migrant labourers

CFTRI Director Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghavarao flags off relief food truck.

Mysuru, Apr. 17- CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, joined hands with the Income Tax (I-T) Department (Karnataka and Goa) in providing relief food to the migrant labourers affected by the COVID-19 lockdown.

The Institute supplied five tonnes of fruit bars, 500 kg of spirulina chikki and five tonnes of flavoured water to the I-T Department which is feeding nearly 10,000 migrants every day.

"These items are long shelf-life foods that are also supplemented with some essential nutrition. But in case of COVID-19 relief, the national lockdown brings in another challenge. Foods also need to provide micronutrients that aid in boosting immunity. This may not be possible in case of mass feeding and hence, supplementing with such essential nutrients when the beneficiaries are locked in one place for extended periods becomes essential," says Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghavarao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI.

Keeping this in view, CSIR-CFTRI has put together a few food items that would provide one or other supplement needed to maintain the immune system in times of distress. CFTRI is supplying the following five food items:

1. 50,000 Nutri Mango Fruit Bar containing essential nutrients such as carbohydrates, carotenes and also added Vitamin C and Zinc which are known to improve the immunity. The mango bars provide nearly 75% of Vitamin C and 30% of Zinc required by a person every day.

2. 50,000Nutri Mixed Fruit Bar is similar to mango bars. Both the products last up to six months.

3. 10,000 bottles of Cardamom Flavoured Water were supplied. CFTRI is using it as a vehicle for providing flavour oils from traditional herbs which are also known immune-boosters.

4. 15,000 numbers of Spirulina Chikki, a snack that provides the good micronutrients from Spirulina as well as the tasty, nourishing groundnut proteins. It provides the bio-available micronutrients such as Vitamin A, Beta Carotene and easily digestible algal proteins.

The relief food preparation was a private-public enterprise where CSIR-CFTRI used its knowledge to formulate foods and some of its licensees provided their facilities for manufacturing the food in such a short time.

"In times of lockdown when manpower and movement are curtailed, this model gave us a workable solution," says Dr. Raghavarao. "Without the logistics support provided by I-T Team, our efforts would not have reached the needy, and I thank them wholeheartedly for helping us," he added.

The I-T Department of Karnataka and Goa came forward to help with logistics of supplying the food to the needy. The Department had already set in place a system that was providing cooked food to around 10,000 people every day.

"CFTRI's offer to supplement by providing flavoured water, spirulina chikkies and fruit bars has given a boost to our efforts in the form of these immunity boosting foods that are imperative for our target population to sustain themselves in good health during these unprecedented times," said Zakir Thomas, Principal I-T Commissioner, Karnataka and Goa.

"It's laudable that in this urgent hour, CFTRI is providing nutrient foods for the needy. What's more commendable is that CFTRI is applying its specialised knowledge to make sure that kids, women, Police, health workers are not devoid of essential nutrients. It's also heartening to see that the spirulina chikkies and mango bars are very much enjoyed by kids. We intend to extend this partnership in the coming days of lockdown," said Nishanth, Joint Commissioner (I-T), Bengaluru.

The foods were distributed in Sampigehalli, Airport Area, Bagalur, Kottanooru, Annapurneshwari Nagar, Nagarabhavi, Jnanabharathi, Amruthahalli, Mallathahalli, Chandra Layout, Kamakshipalya, Hennur, Chickbasti, Yelahanka Amarajyothinagar and Byatarayanapura areas of Bengaluru, according to a press release from A.S.K.V.S. Sharma, Co-ordinator, Information and Publicity, CFTRI, Mysuru.

I-T Department staff distributing food to needy.

Cardamom-flavoured water bottles.

Nutri Mango Fruit Bar.

Nutri Mixed Fruit Bar.

Spirulina Chikki.

Ward Survey

MCC Comr. sensitises volunteers on COVID duty

Mysuru, Apr. 17- The volunteers appointed by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to conduct survey of all 65 Wards in city were provided training at Jayamma Govindegowda KalyanaMantap in Kuvempunagar this morning. With no weddings or other mass gatherings due to lockdown, the KalyanaMantap has turned into Grocery Kit Collection Centre, where the donors deposit the kits for distribution.

The MCC has appointed 80 volunteers, who were briefed by MCC Commissioner Gurudutta Hegde. They are divided into groups and each group is led by a Zonal Assistant Commissioner (AC) during survey.

Each group will visit all 65 Wards and collect information from the residents whether they (residents) have Ration Cards, if they have received ration kits, number of houses in each Ward, number of migrant labourers and number of BPL and APL Card holders.

After collecting the information, a report will be submitted by the Zonal AC to the MCC.

MCC Assistant Commissioners H.N. Shivegowda, Kuberappa and others were present at the training session.

'People For People' distributes kits to slum-dwellers

Mysuru, Apr. 17- People For People (PFP), a voluntary organisation, distributed 29 kits to needy slum-dwellers near Srirangapatna Railway Station in Mysuru district.

Circle Inspector Yogesh Kumar also participated in the programme and appreciated the activities of PFP.

Laxmisha, a volunteer in Srirangapatna, is serving food to around 800 people every day. Hence, some kits were handed over to him to do the service on behalf of 'People For People.'

PFP volunteers Mahendra Jain and Lalith Kumar, Sri Sumathinath Jain Sangh Trustee Hansraj Jain and Sri Sumathinath Jain Mandal President Pravin Jain were present, according to a press release.

Wedding in the times of social distancing

Former CM Kumaraswamy's son marries Congress leader's daughter at Ramanagara farmhouse

Bengaluru, Apr. 17- While many weddings and funerals have been be cancelled across the country due to the lockdown, political heavyweights of Karnataka, the Gowda family headed by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, still managed to get their grandson married this morning at a farm house in Ramanagara.

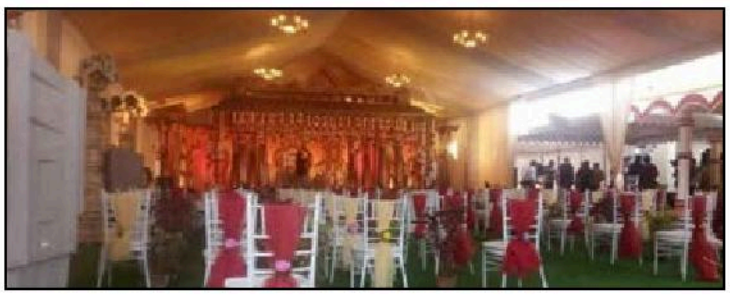
Nikhil Kumaraswamy, the son of former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, tied the knot with Revathi, the grandniece of former Congress Minister for Housing M. Krishnappa

No social distancing

Wedding photos showed no social distancing, masks or any precaution in the rituals. The media was banned from entering Ramanagara district while around 30-40 cars were seen headed towards the location from Bengaluru. When asked, Police officials said the family had provided them with the registration numbers of the cars that had to be allowed.Any such mass movement and public gatherings, weddings that are attended by a large number of people have been banned by the government due to the lockdown and over the fear of the deadly coronavirus spreading.

Passes for 42 vehicles, 120 people

Kumaraswamy had claimed "only around 60 to 70 people of the family" would attend the wedding. According to the Karnataka Police, passes for 42 vehicles and 120 people were given.



It was no big, fat wedding by any standards, it seemed in visuals from a drone, but everyone stood close together.

Nikhil, an actor-turned-politician, last came in the media glare when he contested the national election last year from his family stronghold Mandya and lost.

Kumaraswamy's video message

The families had earlier organised the wedding in Bengaluru. Despite the lockdown, Kumaraswamy refused to defer the big day but he did shift the venue. In a video message on Thursday, the JD(S) leader said the wedding had been moved from Bengaluru, a "red zone" for COVID-19, to Ramanagara, his assembly constituency.

He appealed to supporters to stay away from the venue, promising a bigger event when the situation returned to normal.

"It would be difficult to maintain social distancing if the event was organised at home. That's the reason we are organising the event at our farmhouse in Bidadi. I request my workers and well-wishers to avoid attending the event," Kumaraswamy said, adding that the decision to go ahead with the wedding was taken in consultation with doctors, including those in his family.

Action will be taken: Dy.CM

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister Ashwath Narayan has said action will be taken against the former CM "without a second thought" if guidelines were not followed during the wedding.

"If this is the way we are handling the issue, it will send a very wrong message. I request my colleagues not to misuse position of power. We need to abide by rules otherwise it will send a wrong signal. Whoever is the violator, definitely we will take action. There were no instructions to police not to allow media. I will speak to (the police, district collector). They should not allow this kind of violation. We need to take action otherwise it will be a mockery of the system," said Ashwath Narayan, pointing out that Kumaraswamy had been in public life too long to ignore government guidelines.

No Friday prayers, food streets for Ramzan in State till May 3

Bengaluru, Apr. 17 (UNI)- With the holy month of Ramzan set to commence on Apr. 24 or 25 (depending on the sighting of the moon), the Karnataka Government has issued an order suspending congregational prayers and food streets until May 3 in light of the nationwide lockdown being in effect in India.

The order was issued by the Minority Welfare, Waqf and Hajj Department in the State. It also suspended Jumma prayers held every Friday and Taraweeh, performed every day during the month of Ramzan.

"No public shall be allowed to perform five-time congregational prayers in mosques, across Karnataka during Ramzan in view of COVID-19 pandemic. No public address system to be used by the staff of mosques for offering Namaz," the department said.

The order states, "Azaan shall be given at low decibel and Namaz (prayer) including Friday prayers to be performed by the Pesh Imams, Muazzans, and Masjid staff only. No public will be allowed to offer prayers in the mosque."

During the holy month of Ramzan, it is a tradition to organise iftar feasts for large gatherings by different people, especially by politicians, celebrities and the common wealthy people for their friends and family.

The state government also cited an order by the Ministry of Home Affairs dated April 15, which stated that "All religious places/places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited due to the outbreak of COVID-19 across the country."

Mosques were asked to play pre-recorded and authorised audio clips in three languages four times a day through the public address system. The order stated that no arrangements will be made for Dawat-e-Sahri or iftar, and that food streets cannot remain open until May 3.

Meanwhile, Union Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi also directed State Waqf Boards to ensure strict implementation of lockdown and social distancing guidelines during Ramzan, starting next week.

At a meeting via video conferencing, Naqvi asked the state Waqf Board officials to create awareness among people to offer prayers and perform other religious rituals like iftar (breaking of fast) during Ramzan, staying inside their homes.

BJP Mahila Morcha

on a mission to prepare and distribute one lakh masks to public

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Mysuru City BJP Mahila Morcha is on a mission to prepare and distribute one lakh masks to the public, said Morcha President Hema-Nandish.

She was speaking after distributing masks prepared by the City Mahila Morcha to the public at Ramakrishnanagar here yesterday.

"The Coronavirus pandemic has brought severe hardship to the country. To help people fight against the deadly Coronavirus, one lakh masks are being prepared by the City Mahila Morcha. These masks will be distributed to the public free of cost in all the Wards of Mysuru," she said appealing people to maintain social distance.

Chamundeshwari Constituency BJP President B.M. Raghu, Corporator R.K. Sharath Kumar, leaders Kiran Madegowda, Revanna, H.G. Rajamani, Eregowda, B.C. Shashikant, Nagaraj, Rachappaji, Ramabai, Pooja and others were present.

10 Fever Clinics in Mysuru

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As per the protocol, when a person visits a fever clinic, his/her symptoms and temperature will be checked, based on which the person will be categorised in the 'suspected' or 'safe' group.

"Those who fall in the safe group will be sent back home with a prescription for their illness, while those in suspected group will be taken to the swab-collection centre and later to a quarantine facility in a designated vehicle stationed at all fever clinics," he said.

"Those suspected to have been infected will have to remain in quarantine centres until their test result is negative. Otherwise, the patient will be sent to an isolation centre in case of mild symptoms or to the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road in case of moderate/severe symptoms," he added.

The DC urged the people to visit the facility only if they come across symptoms like cough, fever, tiredness. "Visit the fever clinic only if you have severe cough, influenza-like symptoms and breathlessness. You cannot randomly visit the clinics to test for Coronavirus," he added.

Each fever clinic comprises a Covid-19 Rapid Response (CRR) team of one doctor, two nurses and a healthcare worker and will be open on all days. The screening at fever clinics and testing at swab centres is free of cost.

Source of virus at Jubilant

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The statement further said that in any case, P52never had any contact with any raw material nor had role in receiving, transporting, handling or storage of raw materials.

All evidences and known scientific facts published by reputed global organisations, available so far, indicates that the virus does not survive for more than 72 hours on any surface. The raw materials sampled from the Nanjangud facility had taken more than three weeks of transit to reach the plant by sea route and no virus could survive this long on any surface, the company claimed.

Jubilant Generics Limited at its plant located at Nanjangudmanufactures Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients used in drugs that are needed for sustaining patient lives, including Azithromycin Dihydrate and Azithromycin Monohydrate, which were needed to fight the global menace of COVID-19.

ADGP visits Jubilant

Yesterday, Additional Director General of Police Parashivamurthy and Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan visited the Morarji Desai Residential School near Sindhuvalli and inspected the tests conducted on employees of Jubilant Generics who are under home quarantine.

MLA Harshavardhan told the ADGP that there is a high-level pressure to reopen Jubilant Generics. The Government should not give permission until a comprehensive probe is conducted and the source of infection is cleared. Parashivamurthy assured a transparent probe and the department will not succumb to any kind of pressure.

Probe on: DHO

Mysuru District Health Officer Dr. R Venkatesh said all possible causes of the outbreak was being investigated, including import of chemicals from China, and visits by foreign delegates to the campus. CCTV footage, company records regarding visitor details, travel history, material movement are being probed.

PIL filed in High Court

Meanwhile, a Public Interest Litigation has been filed in the Karnataka High Court against Jubilant Generics on grounds of negligence in protecting its employees from COVID-19. The company, part of the Jubilant Bhartia Group.

Advocate Geetha Mishra has sought the High Court to direct the State Government to take action against the firm for alleged negligence in precautionary measures

This is one of the first cluster outbreaks of the coronavirus pandemic in the State.

"....due to careless / negligent handling of the situation by the owner of said company the COVID-19 had spread to various parts of the Mysuru District as well as other parts of the Karnataka State.." the petition said.

"This has been filed as an application to our earlier PIL in the Karnataka High Court on lapses in the State to arrest the spread of COVID-19 cases. This matter is likely to be heard next week," said lawyer G.R. Mohan, advocate for the petitioner.

Sri Sthankvasi Jain Yuva Sanghtan distributes grocery kits to the needy

Ever since the lockdown came into force, the members of Sri Sthankvasi Jain Yuva Sanghtan, Mysuru, led by their President Rajan Baghmar, have swung into action and are distributing grocery kits to the poor and the needy. The members along with the elected representatives have so far distributed about 1300 grocery kits containing rice, cooking oil, sugar, soji, wheat and ragi flour, dal, coffee and tea powder, pickle packets etc. at Pinjrapole, Kyathamanahalli, Mandi Mohalla, Giriyabhovipalya, Siddharthanagar and other areas in city.

COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	4,486
Persons who have completed 14 days' isolation	:	2,131
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	2,295
Persons isolated in hospital active cases	:	60
Total samples tested	:	1,815
Samples found negative	:	1,742
Samples found positive (cumulative)	:	73
Persons cured / discharged	:	13
Death toll so far in Mysore	:	0

MANDYA

Total positive cases in Mandya	:	11
Death toll so far in Mandya	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	353
Persons cured / discharged	:	82
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	13
Total active cases in India	:	11,201
Persons cured / discharged	:	1,749
Death toll so far in India	:	437

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

Mysuru Helpline numbers
1077 or 0821-2423800
Karnataka Helpline number: 104
Central Helpline number: 011-23978046
Email: ncov2019@gmail.com

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